

Welcome to this Summer Edition of the Parish Update...

It has been a hectic few months since our last Parish Update in the early spring. Much has happened.

As the new Chairman, I would like to say how delighted I am that so many of my colleagues are continuing to serve our community on the Parish Council thanks to your support in May. I am delighted that Liz Marshall has joined us as a newly elected councillor. Liz knows our Village well and we will all benefit from her clear thinking and advice. You will see later in this Update a list of all the Parish Councillors with their principal responsibilities and contact information. We are all here to help and advise when and where we can.



With summer now in full swing, the Village looks as good as it has ever been thanks to an army of community minded helpers! May I pass a huge 'thank you' to the Alderley Edge in Bloom Group for their continued hard work not for just looking after flowers, planters, and baskets but for keeping our Village clear of litter and planting shrubs and bulbs in places previously uncared for. Wonderful work!

I would like to draw your attention to Sarah Greenwood's article on page 2 of this Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan programme. Each one of us needs to understand how the future siting and development of housing and key aspects of our infrastructure in Alderley Edge is being planned up to the year 2030. The Plan continues to take enormous amounts of time to finalise as there is considerable detail to be addressed. I do hope you will be happy to play your part by looking carefully at what is planned and to express your views on the future of our Community. The planning team are doing everything they can to ensure that our Village is protected from rogue development of any kind in the future and will be looking to you for your support.

I wish you a very Happy Summer.

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Now is the time to have YOUR say!



Informal Consultation on Neighbourhood Plan 1st August – 12th September

After 3 years of hard work: gathering evidence, researching and consulting, the Alderley Edge Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is well advanced.

From 1st August to 12th September, we will be asking residents, businesses and employees, as well as other parties with an interest in the village, to tell us what they think of the draft NDP policies on housing development, car parking, protection of green spaces, the local economy and more.

Go to our website www.alderleynp.com and complete the online questionnaire, or come to one of our drop-ins on 13th August and 10th September at Alderley Edge Library from 5pm to 8pm. Copies of the NDP will also be available in the Library and Festival Hall along with questionnaires for your feedback from 1st August to 12th September.

Neighbourhood Development Plans are a new type of planning policy document, prepared by local residents, to guide new development within the local area. They are used alongside local authority (here, Cheshire East Council) and national planning policy documents, to help determine planning applications. NDPs are powerful tools and present significant opportunities for local people to have a real say in shaping development within their local area.

Alderley Edge is an attractive target location for developers and without robust Plan policies, residents and businesses would forfeit their right to shape the future development of the village. The NDP also addresses residents' concerns over parking, ensuring a strong local economy and maintaining the character of the village.

Following the informal public consultation on our draft NDP in August and September, the NDP group will consider all the responses, revise the draft NDP and then publish the final version of the draft NDP for the required 6 weeks' formal consultation later in 2019. Following this the NDP will be further revised and then submitted to Cheshire East Council who will check it and publish it for a further 6 weeks consultation.

The NDP then will be examined by an independent examiner who is likely to recommend further changes before the NDP is subjected to a local referendum within Alderley Edge. If there is a majority Yes vote, the NDP will be made (adopted) by Cheshire East Council and used to help determine planning applications alongside Cheshire East's own planning policies and national policy.

We hope to achieve all this and have a Neighbourhood Development Plan in place by mid-2020.

To achieve this, we need your help and ideas now...

To ensure you have your say, email us on AlderleyNP@gmail.com or visit our website www.AlderleyNP.com and complete the online questionnaire.



The Edge Association *An introduction*

The Edge Association has been at the forefront of the fight to protect and enhance the amenities and environment of Alderley Edge for many years, particularly in respect of the Conservation Area and the type and density of site developments. Working closely with residents, the Parish Council and local and national planning authorities the Edge Association provides an invaluable forum and association for residents seeking advice on communal matters.

It will probably come as no surprise to residents to know that the number of planning applications for Alderley Edge in 2019 never seems to abate! We have been busy in supporting local residents with several applications this year and using our influence at meetings with the Parish Council. If you have been notified or are aware of a planning application that directly affects the amenity of where you live and you need advice on how to make your views known then do not hesitate to contact us. If you need our support then please contact us and we can place your case on the Agenda at our next meeting.

Every Planning Application within the ward is systematically reviewed by the Plans Secretary who will decide where reasonable representations are appropriate in support of residents – or in some cases against them! Liaison with the Parish Council and Cheshire East Planning Department then always takes place.

We have come across several building sites where work is being carried out and the developer/contractor has not adhered to the conditions of their planning approval by either, working outside allowed hours, not keeping access roads clear of mud and debris or parking in such a way that makes access for neighbouring residents difficult or even dangerous. If residents/members are unable to gain agreement to resolve these issues with the relevant site manager, then Cheshire East Council have an Enforcement Unit in the Planning Department that may be able to help. We can advise you, showing you how to register your concerns on the Cheshire East Council planning portal website under “Enforcement”. It helps if you can provide photographic evidence to support your case.

Membership of the Edge Association is £10.00 per household per year. Meetings are held every two months or so with the next one planned for Monday 16th September 2019. If you would like to join the Edge Association please contact Ian Standen, the Membership Secretary. admin.secretary@edgeassociation.com

This is an abridged version of a fuller background brief on the Edge Association, posted on the Alderley Edge Parish Council website www.alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk

Alderley Edge in Bloom *Group*

Alderley Edge in Bloom volunteers have had a busy time since the village received a Gold Award from the RHS Britain in Bloom in November.

Most noticeable in recent weeks are the increased summer displays in the village, thanks to a generous donation from the Institute Trust and STE Waste in Stockport. With the Institute Trust Grant money the group bought 16 lamppost pots, reviving an old custom in the village and more planters for the Waitrose railings. STE donated the 19 wooden planters stocked with summer bedding that are on London Road.

RHS judges saw the village at its very best on 2nd July 2019 and everyone is hoping for a second village gold when results are announced in November.



The Alderley Edge Village Enhancement Competition

The Shell Trophy 2019 in memory of Ian Miller



The Shell Trophy is awarded each summer to those deemed by the Judging Panel to have made the greatest contribution to the look of the Village, as viewed from a public road, and can be won for a Residential Display, a Retail Premises Display, a Cafe, Restaurant or Bar Display or a Non Retail or Office display.

In 2018, it was won for a Residential Display at Heywood Road by Graham and Annie McLelland. Congratulations went to all of the Category Winners, namely Best Retail Display Grantham's Fine Food and Wine; Best Cafe, Restaurant or Bar Display The de Trafford Arms Hotel; and Best Non-Retail Display The Select Property Group.

The Shell Trophy was re-discovered during the extensive refurbishment of the Festival Hall and this discovery coincided with the sad death of Ian Miller, a lifetime resident of Alderley Edge, a keen gardener and a gentleman. It seemed a fitting gesture to re-present the Trophy in his memory.

The Judging Panel will be out and about during August selecting this year's category winners. Winners will be notified prior to The Village Show, held at the Festival Hall on Saturday 31st August 2019. The Trophy and framed Certificates will be awarded during the Village Show Prize Giving at around 3.30pm on that day.



The Alderley Edge Village Show



The Alderley Edge Village Show
Established 1918

Saturday 31st August 2019
Doors open at 12.00 noon
**THE FESTIVAL HALL
ALDERLEY EDGE**

Organised by the Alderley Edge Allotments & Gardens Society

Admission to the show is Adults £1.00 & Children 50p
DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE!

We would like to invite everyone in the village to take part
Taking part can be nearly as much fun as winning a prize!

Awards and Trophies at 3pm
Raffle Prize Draw at 4pm

www.alderleyedgeallotments.org.uk



A 'feel good' community event!

Great cafe, fantastic cakes and snacks!

It's so easy! Just find something in your garden and enter it!

Just a brilliant day!

Gypsies and Travellers

Alderley Edge has been fortunate over the last forty years or so in that there have been no reported cases of Gypsy or Traveller encampments on lands within the Ward boundaries. This changed on 24th May 2019 when a total of 13 caravans (or mobile homes) occupied the park in Alderley Edge for 8 days, prior to travelling to Cumbria for the annual Appleby Horse Fair.

The group gained access to the park through the Ryleys Lane Car Park access point, which has a 'pull up metal barrier post'. On this occasion the post was down allowing vehicles to access and exit the park during the May Fair, held a few days earlier. Whilst the post might have provided an additional deterrent if it had been put back in place, we are advised by the Cheshire and Warrington Traveller Team that this would not have guaranteed protection. AEPC has subsequently reinforced the barrier at this access point, but we must recognise that total protection against such ingress is not feasible.



Appleby Horse Fair 2019

Discussions with the very experienced Cheshire Travellers Team have made us more aware that lands can be easily occupied by determined travellers despite protective measures and residents must accept that chaining up gates or creating elaborate and often unsightly barriers will do little to protect these areas. What is vital is that residents remain vigilant and report suspect activity immediately.

During the recent encampment we conducted discussions with the travellers in a caring and reasonable manner. This is critical. Travellers are more likely to show respect and conform to requests for action and departure when treated well. It also engenders trust between the Council and the travellers. Sadly, residents will sometimes choose to take matters into their own hands and use hostile actions and abusive language towards the travellers in the hope that this might encourage their speedy departure. Needless to say, it seldom does.

We have placed a copy of our new Standard Operating Procedure onto the Alderley Edge Parish Council website for everyone to see. It is designed to help us all understand a world that we are not familiar with and one that needs care, consideration and a high degree of empathy. We are dealing with people who have chosen to live a different lifestyle from us. We must respect their desire to be different.

The posted document seeks to illustrate the sequence of events that must be followed by law (Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 and 2003). Each Parish Councillor has a copy – and residents are asked to contact any Parish Councillor if they suspect that land within the Ward is being occupied by travellers.

Alderley Edge Climate Change Strategy



At the Parish Civic Service on Sunday 7th July 2019 we broke with tradition somewhat and focused on the future of our planet and the World we will pass on to our children and grandchildren. We used the brief film clip of 15 year old Greta Thunberg, addressing the United Nations Climate Change Conference in December 2018. It was moving and served to make us all think.

People across the world are starting to realise that we must act now before we run out of time. Alderley Edge is no different and we must all individually play our part in actively helping to make a difference. We already have a wide variety of ideas coming together from residents and those who are keen to see real progress within our community. We are also aware that others in communities near us are also engaged in similar discussions.

We want to make our village into a more sustainable environment so it can be enjoyed by generations to come. But we need an active group to come together to lead our thoughts and actions. If you want to contribute to Alderley Edge's future, we will be hosting our first meeting in September. To help us on our way, we will be inviting representatives from Transition Wilmslow to come and share their story with us.



If you would like to take part or know a bit more about who we are and what we want to achieve, then please get in touch with Lydia Grantham via email at lydie_grantham@hotmail.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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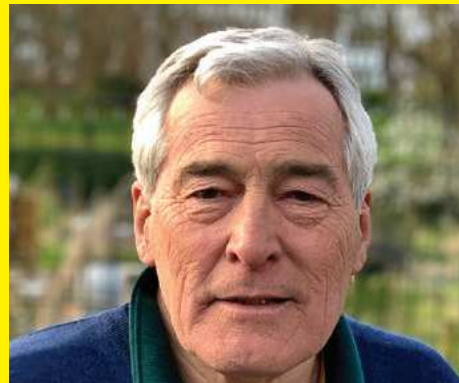


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Your Voice at Cheshire East *Cllr Craig Browne*

As this is my first column in the Parish Update since the recent election, can I begin by saying a big thank you for choosing me once again as your representative at Cheshire East Council. Being re-elected with 77% of the vote was a very humbling experience. Following the election here in Alderley Edge, my fellow councillors at Cheshire East also elected me to become the Leader of the Independent Group. As a by-product of results across the borough, I have also become the Deputy Leader of Cheshire East Council, which was a big shock to me. It will certainly be a major challenge.

Change Cheshire East

One of the first things the new council has done is to vote through a decision to change the system of governance at Cheshire East. The new system will be introduced from the start of the 2020/21 municipal year and will mean that all 82 councillors will be involved in every decision that is made – there will be no hiding places for any of us and the decisions that the council makes will be open to a lot more scrutiny than was the case before. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our campaign by signing the “Change Cheshire East” petition.

Deputy Leader's Portfolio

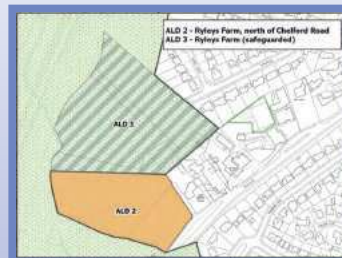
Following my appointment as Deputy Leader of Cheshire East, I now have a much wider remit than before. A number of people have asked me what it involves, so I thought it would be helpful to explain. My portfolio now includes transport and major highways infrastructure projects; so for example, the HS2 Hub Station in Crewe, Middlewich Eastern Bypass, Poynton Relief Road, A500 Dualling Scheme and Congleton Link Road all come under my area of responsibility. I also represent the Council on a number of outside organisations, including the Local Enterprise Partnership.

Local Plan Part II (Site Allocations)

One of the first acts of the new administration at Cheshire East Council has been to bring forward the final draft of the Local Plan (Part II) for consultation. The document sets out the sites that have been allocated for development between now and 2030. For the last two years I have been fighting hard to make sure that our allocation – and the subsequent impact on our green belt – is as low as possible. I have been successful in that an initial allocation of over 300 new homes has finally been reduced to just 90 homes split over three small sites and distributed evenly across our village.



10 houses



45 houses



35 houses

Site Allocations Development Policies Document (SADPD)*

In addition to addressing our housing allocation and infrastructure needs, including provision of additional parks and leisure facilities, cycling infrastructure and car parking, the SADPD will also address the controversial issue of a Gypsy & Traveller Transit Site. All Local Authorities are required to make provision for the Gypsy & Traveller community; until now, the fact that Cheshire East Council has never had land allocated for a designated Transit Site has made the borough a soft-touch for encampments (it is more difficult to move them on if there is no transit site). This is something which the new administration at Cheshire East felt should be brought forward as a priority.

*the proposed location of the transit site is at Cledford Lane, Middlewich

Traveller Encampment

Earlier in the summer we had our first encounter with a traveller encampment in over 40 years, whereas in other areas of the borough these encampments have been a more or less persistent problem for a number of years. We have tried to make the park more secure through a process known as “target hardening” (essentially installing some additional bollards at the Ryleys Lane entrance). Following the departure of the encampment, I put out a call for help with the clean-up operation in the park and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came to help out.



Local residents helping with the clean-up

West Street One-Way Restriction

Residents will be aware that I have been pressing for the introduction of a one-way restriction on West Street, to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety at the junction with South Street (which for many years has effectively been a blind junction). The scheme was approved by the Area Highways Group in March 2018, but because of some legal issues around the signing of the traffic order as well as tapping into underground power connections for the new “No Entry” signs (which will be illuminated), it has taken over 12 months to get the scheme implemented.



Highways team installing one-way signs

Masterplan for Our Park

Over the last few months I have been working with officers from ANSA (Parks Maintenance) to develop a masterplan for our village park. It is expected to be ready in a few weeks' time and I will share it with everyone via my blog (cllrcraigbrowne.blogspot.com) and via social media. Briefly, we are looking at installing pest control fencing around the bowling green, as well as relaying the green itself; installing some all-age gym equipment between the tennis courts and the children's play area, a skating area between the tennis courts and the allotments; and some raised flower beds. As you may have noticed, we have temporarily created a new flower bed in front of the bandstand whilst we are waiting for details of the new masterplan to emerge.



New temporary flower bed near the bandstand

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Potholes, Roadworks & other Highways queries: report a fault online at: www.cheshireeasthighways.org or (T) 0300 123 5020

Environmental Protection: for issues of pest control / noise nuisance / fly-tipping & waste on private property
(T) 0300 123 5015

Street Lighting - report online at:
www.cheshireeasthighways.org or (T) 0300 123 5020